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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks. Because this Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period, applicant believes that no extension of time is required. In the event an extension of time is required, applicant hereby petitions for such extension.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.